

How do I prorate child support payments?

You must prorate child support payments when the Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA) percentage limitations do not permit full satisfaction of multiple income withholding orders. Follow these steps and example to prorate multiple child support payments:

1. Add together all of the non-custodial parent's current support amounts and then separately add together the arrearage amounts. Note that "child" support maintains priority.

Case	Current Support	Arrears
Sue Doe vs. Tom Doe	\$75	\$25
Mae Jones vs. Tom Doe	\$65	\$15
Jane Smith vs. Tom Doe	\$90	\$20
Total	\$230	\$60

2. Separately determine the percentage each ordered amount is of the total dollar amount of the combined support orders, for the current and for the arrearage.

Case	Current Support	Arrears
Total	\$230	\$60
Sue Doe vs. Tom Doe	$(\$75/\$230 = .33)$ 33%	$(\$25/\$60 = .42)$ 42%
Mae Jones vs. Tom Doe	$(\$65/\$230 = .28)$ 28%	$(\$15/\$60 = .25)$ 25%
Jane Smith vs. Tom Doe	$(\$90/\$230 = .39)$ 39%	$(\$20/\$60 = .33)$ 33%

3. If the non-custodial parent's disposable income is \$310.00 and the amount that may be deducted for child support is 55%, pursuant to the CCPA limitations, the amount available to prorate is \$170.00. (Subtract from this amount the \$2.00 fee per case, if you choose to deduct each time child support is forwarded to the State Central Collection Unit.*)
4. Important: When allocating on a prorated basis, the current "child" support obligations must be withheld first.
5. To calculate the correct prorated dollar amounts, multiply the amount calculated to be available for prorating (\$170) by the calculated percentage applicable for each order (or \$164.00 if the \$2.00 fee per case is deducted).

Case	Current Support	Arrears
Sue Doe vs. Tom Doe	$(\$170 \times .34)$ \$57.80	Since amount subjected to proration was not enough to satisfy all current support obligations, there is nothing available to apply to prorated percentages for arrearage orders.
Mae Jones vs. Tom Doe	$(\$170 \times .28)$ \$47.60	
Jane Smith vs. Tom Doe	$(\$170 \times .39)$ \$66.30	

*Remember that the sum of the child support and your \$2.00 per case fee cannot exceed the CCPA limitations.